

In full view from Waimea is the island of Nihau. Its greatest length is 18 miles, its breadth 3; though the average is not more than 5. Its elevation is about 2000 feet, much broken up by deep ravines, and with barren soil, which produces nothing but a few stunted shrubs, onions, yams and potatoes. The inhabitants suffer much from want of water; their sole dependence being on rain, which is collected and preserved in reservoirs. This island is noted for the manufacture of mats, some of which are of high finish and very costly.

A mile to the west of Nihau, is Egg Island. It is a mere rock, of about 1000 feet elevation, and covered with stunted shrubs, which afford food to thousands of wild rabbits, with which the island is overrun.

Waimea according to native tradition, claims the honor of being the first landing place of—fleas. Their introduction was after the following manner: A woman having, as was customary then, gone off to a vessel at anchor in the roads, received from her lover, a bottle tightly corked, which he told her contained valuable *waiwai*, (property), and that she must not open it until she reached the shore. She obeyed his instructions, and overjoyed with her acquisition hastened to show it to her friends. Having assembled them all, the bottle was uncorked with the greatest care, and looking in, they beheld nothing. The nimble prisoners had hopped out, and soon gave being to a countless progeny, that have gone on ever since, hopping and biting with undiminished alacrity. The man should have been fleaed before for his pains, or tied Mazeppa-like, to the back of one of his own fleas.

Mr Editor,—I see it noticed in your paper, that a large sail was seen three weeks since standing down, with royals and studding sails set, for the anchorage. I am a good deal inclined to think those persons who reported the above mentioned craft were somewhat mistaken. All the residents, you are aware, thought it very strange that she should not be seen from the town, and some I think attributed the whole matter to ocular deception; these last, I am inclined to think were in the "right trail" for I myself, a few days since when coming up from the westward saw what I could almost have sworn to be a sail; but on closer inspection I found that I had rigged out the Seamen's Chapel into a fine ship under royals and mast studding sails, the upper part of the belfry serving for royals and the other divisions supplying the place of topgallant and some of the other parts of the buildings resembling almost exactly the mast and two sails. The reddish hue upon the whole, by the last rays of the setting sun, gave it a canvass tint, and served to complete the deception; stern, stem, and catheads had she all, bare yards, taut sails, and masts that stood full tall, she seemed to be with stately and pride, but then she did not come from side to side; she came not in a questionable shape, but like a ship just leaving Diamond Point.

Now Sir, I think, that after the above explanation, the mystery is solved, and we can continue to expect the Levant, and all the other men-of-war said to be on their way hither, and not pester ourselves with regretting that one of them has given the "go by."

FRANK.

At the solemn funeral procession and ceremonies performed last Saturday in this city, in honor of the memory of the late President BRISON, there was one circumstance which must be remembered by all with unqualified satisfaction. This was the appearance of the British and the French Consuls in the ranks of that procession, each carrying the flag of the country he represented, draped in crape. At any time such a testimonial of respect to the memory of a chief magistrate paid by the principal officials of a foreign power, must be grateful

to the feelings of the citizens, but at a juncture like the present, when the war cry is factiously encouraged by the designing, and listened to by the credulous, when the timid are dreading hostilities, and the reckless are looking for plunder, to see the British Consul paying the highest tribute of respect in his power to the late highest in authority in the country, was gratifying in the extreme, reflecting back upon himself the respect he shewed, and vindicating the great principle by which we believe both governments to be actuated, of preserving peaceable and amicable relations with each other, by every means compatible with national honor and dignity. This proceeding of the Consuls has given very general satisfaction to the citizens, and the authorities of New York.

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MARINE NEWS.

PORT OF HONOLULU.

SAILED.

Aug. 5. Am. Brig Joseph Peabody, Mazatlan.
" Br. Brig Clementine, Rhodes Maui.
10. Br. Brig Harlequin, Lacy, China.
PASSENGERS.
In the Peabody, Capt. D. Gilman.
In the Clementine, Mr and Mrs Hatch.

Through the politeness of Mr Gould, we have been furnished with the following List of American Shipping at Bay of Islands, N. Zealand, from Jan. 6, to May 16, 1841.

Jan. 6, Arrived, Hesper, Almy, Fair Haven, 25 mos. 1900 sperm; from Rotemah; sailed for home 13th. Jan. 9, Chelsea, Smith, New London, 13 mos 3000 wh 30 sp; from Curtiss'; sailed south 28th. Jan. 11, Jasper, Lovitt, Fair Haven, 16 mos 900 wh 700 sp; from Cratonga; sailed south 30th. Feb. 1, America, Topham, Hudson, 16 mos 1800 wh 600 sp; from Hobart Town; sailed north 11th. Feb. 3, Rebecca Sims, Kay, New Bedford, 8 mos 100 sp; from Chatam Isles; sailed for Chatam Isles 16th. Feb. 21, Alpha, Congdon, Nantucket, 32 mos 1700 sp; from Rotemah; sailed north March 6th. Feb. 25th, Luminary, Brice, Warren, 13 mos 600 wh 150 sp; from the southward; sailed south Mar. 7. Feb. 26, Brig Gambia, Wallace, Salem, 5 mos; merchandise; from Sydney; sailed for the Fiji Islands Mar. 17th.

March 15, Sheperdess, Hooper, Salem, 9 mos; merchandise; from Sydney; sailed for Tahiti and home April 8th. Mar. 17, Lydia, Cross, Salem; 5 mos; merchandise; from Salem; trading. Mar. 26, Thule, Colman, Nantucket, 29 mos 550 wh 1430 sp; from Rotemah; sailed for home April 17th. Mar. 26, Good Return, Taber, New Bedford, 22 mos 2700 wh 220 sp; from Chatam Isles; sailed for home April 27th. March 27th, Statesman, Coffin, Salem, 26 mos 1700 sp; from French Rock; sailed for home 27th April.

April 5, France, Douglass, Sag Harbor, 32 mos 2700 wh 50 sp; from French Rock; sailed for home April 27th. April 7, Black Warrior, Woodberry, Salem, 10 mos; merchandise; from Hobart Town; sailed for home May 1st. April 26, Emily Morgan, Clark, New Bedford, 40 mos 100 wh 5000 sperm; from Rotemah; sailed for home May 10th. April 26, Sch Ann Howard, Allyn, New London, 5 mos; merchandise.

May 1, Plough Boy, Brown, Nantucket, 19 mos 900 sp; from Cratonga; sailed north May 12th. May 16, Placides, Allen, Wareham, 9 mos 1100 wh 150 sp; from the south.

Advertisements.

AUCTION.

On Tuesday next, (17th inst.) at 10 o'clock A. M. will be sold to the highest bidder at the store of MARSHALL & JOHNSON, S A L M O N, in barrels and Tierces—Damaged Leaf Tobacco, in Bales—Coffee Mills—Demijohns—Naval Stores, &c.

Terms, CASH.
MARSHALL & JOHNSON,
Auctioneers.

Honolulu, Aug. 13, 1841.

PEIRCE & BREWER

Have lately received per Brig JOSEPH PEABODY from China, the following named articles, which they offer for sale on low terms:—

1200 pieces 30 yds ea 4-4 Blue Cottons.
220 " " 3-4 Blue Drill.
2 cases fine English Long Cloth.
1000 pair China Shoes.
21 cases Pearl Sago.
375 pieces 4-4 Bleached Cottons.
52 Sets China Lacquered Wash Basins, ea 3.
48 " do. do. do. ea 2.
19 " Rattan Clothes Baskets.
8 bags ea 1 picul Manila Coffee.
35 M. Manila Cigars.
400 Manila Hats.
28 Trunks Clothing, Nankin and Silk
20 M. Macao Cigars.
2300 pieces Blue Nankins.
900 pieces Yellow Nankins.
30 Rolls White and Red floor Matting.
300 boxes Souchong Tea ea 10 lbs.
120 " Peckoe " "
600 " Congou " "
of the best quality.
Honolulu, August 12, 1841. tf.

NOTICE.

The Partnership of the late firm of HENRY PATY & CO. has expired by the decease of Mr HENRY PATY, one of the partners.

The undersigned will assume the responsibilities and continue the business of the late partnership under the same firm (Henry Paty & Co.) for the present, until its affairs can be adjusted, when notice will be given of a change in the firm.

JOHN PATY.
ELI SOUTHWORTH.
WILLIAM PATY.

Honolulu, Aug. 9th, 1841.

Now landed from ship Gloucester, and for sale by
LADD & CO.

20 bales Domestics.
10 cases do.
59 " Blue Cottons.
1 " Beaverteens.
1 " Moleskin.
1 " Plaids.
1 " Silk Umbrellas.
10 " Cotton do.
31 " Prints.
4 " Printed Pongee Hdks.
11 cases Cotton Hdks.
9 " Kiheis.
55 " Blue Nankin.
3 " Assorted Dry Goods.
9 " Drab Hats.
3 " Thread.
51 packages Hard Ware.
50 Kegs Nails.
4 Casks Soap Stone Furnaces.
1 " Sad Irons.
20 doz. Cast Steel Wood Axes.
2 rolls Sheet Lead.
1 Cotton Gim.
3 cases Brushes.
10 " Boots and shoes.
22 Bars and Bundles assorted Iron.
5 doz Shovels.
60 bundles Hoop plates.
1 cask Cart Boxes.
8 bundles Spike and Nail Rods.
5 boxes Tin plates.
20 bolts Canvass.
30 pieces light Ravens Duck.
69 coils Cordage.
20 doz. Carolina Hoes.
3 cases Looking Glasses.
9 " Assorted Fancy articles.
2 " Books, late publications.
100 barrels Pilot Bread.
22 hhds Navy do.
20 barrels Fresh Flour, (extra)
525 boxes Soap.
1 cask Glue.
50 boxes Window Glass.
26 packages Crockery Ware.
15 " Glass do.
28 barrels Tar and Pitch.
5 casks assorted Paints.
63 kegs English White Lead.
40 " do. Black Paint.

100 boxes Spanish Cigars.
5 kegs Superior Tobacco
6 tubs Spices.
5 casks Rice.
1 hhd Coffee.
5 baskets Olive Oil.
1 bale Corks.
10 boxes Raisins, in prime order.
10 kegs Fancy Biscuit.
1 case Macaroni.
1 " Tapioca.
2 doz. Chairs.
3 cases Stationery.
4 hhds Tin Ware.
3 " Hollow Ware.
138 Reams Wrapping Paper.
20 " Writing do.
Honolulu, May 22, 1841. tf.

MARSHALL & JOHNSON

Have just received per Ship Gloucester, and offer for Sale the following Articles, viz.

11 bales Brown Sheetting.
16 cases Prints, consisting of American, English and French.
1 case Merrimac Checks.
2 bales Union Ticks.
6 cases Bleached Sheetting.
1 bale Hamilton Stripes.
2 bales Suffolk Drills.
1 case Bleached Drills.
2 bales 4 Blue Cotton.

For Hilo.

The Ship GLOUCESTER, HARGOOD Master, will sail for the above port on Monday, the 16th inst. For freight or passage please apply to LADD & Co. or the Captain on board.

Aug. 13, 1841.

LUMBER, & C.

5000 Feet Am. Pine Boards.
1000 " California Pine Timber.
5000 Cakes California Soap.
2000 Pounds Tahiti Sugar.
4500 Damaged Hides and Pieces.
25 Reams Wrapping Paper.

For Sale by

HENRY PATY & CO.

June 16th, 1841.

B. Pitman & Son,

Have for sale on reasonable terms, viz., English and American Prints. Gingham, Printed Muslins. White, Brown and Blue Cotton Drill. White and Brown Linen Drill. Bleached and Unbleached Cottons. Cambric, plane and Figured. Swiss Muslin. Lace Edgings. Insertings. Fancy Gauze Hdks. and Scarfs. White Velvets. Garniture. Silk. Satin. Velvet and Belt Ribbons. Wound Wire. Furniture Chints. Hamilton Stripes. Bonnet Wreaths and Flowers. Ladies and Gentlemen's Hosiery. Gloves. Satin Neck Stocks. Nankeens. Pongee Colored Hdks. Grass Cloth. Cotton Hdks. Needles. Pins. Spool Cotton. Thread. Buttons. Suspenders. Ready Made Clothing. Wick yarn, &c., &c.

GROCERIES.

Molasses. Sugar. Lamp Oil. Tea. Flour. Meal. Dried Apples. Raisins. Citron. Prunes. Tamarinds. Pickles. Vinegar. Nutmegs. Mace. Allspice. Cinnamon. Cloves. Ginger. Sage. Pepper. Mustard. Honey. Tobacco. Cigars. Pipes. Snuff. Soap. Sallad Oil. Olives. Lemon Syrup. Porter. Pale Ale. Stoughton's Elixir. Wines, &c.

SUNDRIES.

Boots and Shoes. Writing Ink. Shoe Blacking. Arrow Root. Epsom Salts. Bench Planes. Brace and Bitts. Chisels. Fish Hooks. Combs. Sauce and Fry Pans. Iron Squares. Screws. Nails. Axe Handles. Axes. Adzes. Hatchets. Writing Paper. Blank Books. Quills. Corks, &c. Generally on hand a good assortment of Crockery, Glass, and Tin Ware.

Honolulu, Dec. 5, 1840.

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